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The settlement agreement is just plain wrong. It is far too weak, and achieves nothing for the American people. It is, in fact, an embarrassing capitulation to corporate power.

The Justice Department tried this once before, to no avail whatsoever. How many times must we watch Microsoft expand its monopoly powers into new markets before something is truly done to put a stop to it. I can see that this administration has no interest in pursuing a breakup of Microsoft. That's too bad. Standard Oil's monopoly prior to its breakup was nothing close to the kind of damage and power abuses Microsoft has wielded. The same can be said for old Ma Bell, when it was broken up. Both of those were good things. Okay, you will not seriously consider doing what should be done: breaking up the big monopolistic 8000 pound gorilla. So be it. That doesn't end the matter, though.

There is nothing about Microsoft which excuses what it has done and continues to do the technology sector. Have you noticed the price of the new XP system. Do you remember when Operating Systems upgrades cost \$20 or \$30 dollars. Now, Windows upgrades cost \$200 or \$300, and that has nothing to do with inflation-- it is the direct result of monopoly power. If Microsoft is this bold with squeezing every dollar it can even though its case is not settled, what do you think it will do after it settles this case. When all its competitors are completely erased (e.g. Apple, Linux) and there are no viable consumer options, what do you think Microsoft will do to increase earnings in a flat sales market. It will continue to squeeze OEMs, software licensees, consumers, all of us. It's not too late to put a stop to it, but it must be done now, before we have no choice whatsoever.